GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – M.A. & U.D. Department – Certain irregularities in purchase of stationery and printing of Tender Schedules and misappropriation of Government funds by Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager and others of Gajuwaka Municipality- Disciplinary action initiated – Departmental enquiry conducted – Imposing the penalty of 7.5% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of Rs.12,39,746/- from his retirement benefits under Rule 9 (7) of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and balance if any, under Revenue Recovery Act – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 413 **Dated: 30-11-2017**

Read the following:-

1. From the Director General (V&E), General Administration (V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.90 (914/V&E/D1/06), dated 30.06.2007.
2. G.O.Rt.No.115, M.A. & U.D. (E1) Department, dated 25.01.2008.
3. From Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager, Written Statement of Defence dated 16.03.2008.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1583, M.A. & U.D. (E1) Department, Dated 03.12.2009.
5. From Sri R.Yadagiri Reddy, Zonal Commissioner & Enquiry Officer, East Zone, GHMC, letter No.ZC (EZ)/515/2010, dated 17.05.2011.
6. Govt. Memo. No.17153/E1/2007-6, dated 10.05.2012 of MA & UD (E1) Department.
7. Govt. Memo. No.17153/E1/2007-8, dated 10.05.2012 of MA & UD (E1) Department.
8. From Sri Karunkaran Prasad, the then Manager, written representation, dated 26.07.2012.
9. From the Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad, letter Roc.No.21796/2007/A1-1, dated 22.12.2015.
10. Govt. Memo. No.17153/Vig.I(1)/2007, dated 16.09.2016.
11. From Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager (Retd.), representation, dated 10.11.2016.
12. Govt. Letter No.17153/Vig.I(1)/2007, dated 06.09.2007 of M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Department.
13. From the Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, letter No.712/DC&C/1/2017, dated 26.09.2017.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (V&E) Department have conducted an enquiry on the allegations of Printing of Tender Schedules and found gross misappropriation of funds by

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Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager and others of Gajuwaka Municipality.

2. Whereas, in the G.O. 2nd read above, departmental action has been initiated against Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager of Gajuwaka Municipality by issuing Articles of Charges framed against him.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager has submitted his written statement of defence and requested the Government to exonerate him from the charges framed against him and to drop further action against him.

4. Whereas, in the G.O. 4th read above, orders were issued, appointing Sri R.Yadagiri Reddy, Additional Mission Director, MEPMA as Enquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Sri Karunakaran Prasad and others of Gajuwaka Municipality, Visakhapatnam on the allegation of certain irregularities in purchase of stationery and printing of Tender Schedules and misappropriation of Government funds.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Enquiry Officer has submitted his Report, wherein the charges framed against the charged officer Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager are held proved.

6. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, a copy of the Report of the Enquiry Officer was communicated to the charged officer Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager with a direction to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of the Enquiry Officer in terms of Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

7. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, while communicating a copy of the report of the Enquiry Officer, the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad was requested to furnish the details of misappropriated amount also state from whom the said amount has to be recovered.

8. In the reference 8th read above, the charged officer Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager has submitted his written representation and requested the Government to exonerate him from the charged framed against him and to drop further action if any, in the interest of justice.

9. Whereas, in the reference 9th read above, the Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Hyderabad has furnished the report submitted by the RDMA., Rajahmundry on the misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.1,23,97,642/- towards purchase of stationery items in erstwhile Gajuwaka Municipality now merged into Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam.

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10. Government after careful examination of the written representation of Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 7.5% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of Rs.12,39,746/- from his retirement benefits under Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and balance if any, shall be recovered under Revenue Recovery Act.

11. Whereas, in the reference 10th read above, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the charged officer Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager (Retd.) under Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 with a direction to submit his representation, as to why the action proposed in Para (10) shall not be taken against him.

12. In the reference 11th read above, the charged officer Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager has submitted a representation and requested the Government to drop further action against him in the interest of justice.

13. As no new grounds put-forth by the charged officer Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager (Retd.) in his representation, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission was requested to convey the concurrence of the A.P. Public Service Commission on the proposed penalty of 7.5% cut in pension permanently besides recovery of Rs.12,39,746/- from his retirement benefits under Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and balance if any, under Revenue Recovery Act, vide reference 12th read above.

14. In the reference 13th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission has conveyed the concurrence of Commission on the said proposal of the Government.

15. Government have examined the entire matter carefully and it has been decided to impose a penalty of 7.5% cut in pension permanently against the charged officer Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager (Retd.) besides recovery of Rs.12,39,746/- from his retirement benefits under Rule 9 (7) of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and balance if any, under Revenue Recovery Act. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of 7.5% cut in pension permanently against the charged officer Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager (Retd.) besides recovery of Rs.12,39,746/- from his retirement benefits under Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and balance if any, under Revenue Recovery Act.

16. The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur and the Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Visakhapatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

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17. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R. KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Karunakaran Prasad, the then Manager (Retd.) through the
Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation,
Visakhapatnam.
The Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation,
Visakhapatnam.
Copy to:
The G.A.(V&E) Department.
The Secretary to A.P.Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
The Secretary, A.P.Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
The District Collector, Visakhapatnam.
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER